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strengthened the child abuse statute. Under the proposed legislation that we are considering today, a spouse of one who is accused of violence against the spouse or against children of that marriage can be compelled to testify against the accused person when that person has been accused of cruelty to persons, injury, or risk of injury or impairing the morals of a child, abandonment of a child under age six, the age of six years, and a number of other unpleasant incidents. It is not particularly pleasant to have to think about these situations but we all know that they do occur. This legislation, if it's passed, will help us to protect innocent children, particularly when they have been the victims of violence by one parent and we hope that it will help to curb this sort of thing. I urge passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Opposed? The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 718, S.B. No. 549, An Act Concerning the Sufficient Attestation of Wills by Two Witnesses.

MR. BINGHAM (157th):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

MR. BINGHAM (157th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of this bill is to require two rather than three witnesses to execute a will. This aligns Connecticut's provisions for witnesses with most other states and particularly those of the surrounding states, thus eliminating much confusion and the unwitting execution

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of invalid wills because there are only two witnesses. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of the bill.

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THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further on the bill?

MR. CAMP (163rd):

Through you a question please to Mr. Bingham? That is, will this affect wills which are dated prior to the date of this bill as to persons who died afterwards or would only be for wills that are dated after the date of this bill?

THE SPEAKER:

Would the gentleman care to respond?

MR. BINGHAM (157th):

I think not, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER:

Further remarks on I think not to comment? Would you remark further? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye. Opposed? The bill is PASSED.

THE CLERK:

Back to page 8, second from the top, Calendar No. 706, Substitute for H.B. No. 6264, An Act Concerning Fees of Parties in Civil Actions, File No. 686. We passed this matter temporarily.

MR. LEARY (43rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark?

MR. LEARY (43rd):

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THE CLERK:

Page 2 please, the third item from the bottom of the page, Cal. 400, File 542, Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Insurance and Real Estate, S.B. 1245 An Act Concerning Prohibiting the Arbitrary Cancellation of Automobile Insurance.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Dinielli.

SENATOR DINIELLI:

Mr. President, I move for acceptance of the joint committee favorable report. And passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR DINIELLI:

Mr. President, this act is a technical correction. It just changes a comma. It was a grammatical technical error in the law passed two years ago. And this just corrects the error.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage of the bill. Will you remark further? If not all those in favor of passage signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Cal. No. 401 File No. 546, Favorable report of the joint standing committee on Judiciary on S.B. 549 An Act Concerning the Sufficient Attestation of Wills by Two Witnesses.

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THE CHAIR:

Senator Caldwell.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark?

SENATOR CALDWELL:

Mr. President, this merely provides that in the future two witnesses will be sufficient for attesting a will. Rather than three.

THE CHAIR:

The question is on passage. Will you remark further? If not all those in favor signify by saying aye. AYE. Opposed nay? The ayes have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

On page 4 of your Calendar. The second item from the top Cal. No. 416, File 361 Favorable report of the joint standing committee on General Law on H.B. 8767 An Act Changing the Name of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Caldwell.

SENATOR CALDWELL:

I move the acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

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Concerning Section 5 - The use of Mechanical Restraints. She thinks this is a good idea but she would like to have it stated that the duration of this particular mechanical restraint would have to be stated as well as the reasons thereof.

Section 8 - Visitors - Part (d) should not exclude part (c). She was unable to see her lawyer when she wanted to. She also stressed the need to keep closer watch over patients under certain prescribed drugs for there are effects caused by the sun, etc. and should be made known to the patients who are taking them.

Section 7 (f) - She agrees to this but should be discussed with the patient as to who should and should not be in contact with the patient and for what reasons. She mentioned the exception of drug patients. They should not have the right to make phone calls for she mentioned the freedom of the drug addict and the availability of continuing to get drugs.

H.B. #6257. Mary disagrees with this Bill for the main purpose of the Bill not stating that the patient should be able to appear in person to defend him or herself.

Sen. Jackson: Thank you very much. Attorney Wynne to be followed by Mr. Nurwinn.

Mr. Nurwinn: No, I don't wish to be heard, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Sen. Jackson: That is the end of the Speaker's List. Is there anyone else who would like to speak, if not - do you wish to speak again?

Mr. Kozloski: Senator Jackson, Mr. Tyler - Chairman of the Probate Section could not appear due to the weather and I called him on the phone and I would like to, on behalf of the Probate Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, recommend a passage of Bill #549 and #547.

S.B. #549 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUFFICIENT ATTESTATION OF WILLS BY TWO WITNESSES.

S.B. #547 - AN ACT CONCERNING A BENEFICIARY'S RIGHT TO EXONERATION FROM A SECURITY INTEREST EXISTING AT DEATH.

Bill #547 has to do with exoneration of beneficiary's right to exoneration from a security interest existing at death and I believe that the Probate Section met and considered it. The Bill was drafted by Mr. Owen who is legislative to Judge Rubinow. We recommend the passage of that and also the Probate Section had recommended the changing of the number of witnesses to wills from three to two witnesses and the Bill remains - #549 does not change the requirements other than changing the number of witnesses from three to two. Thank you very much.

Rep. Sullivan:not understandable.

Mr. Kozloski: Yes it was, Mr. Sullivan.